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BAND BOOSTS DANCE TONIGHT

Valentine's Day will be celebrated tonight at the middle school with a dance for 7th and 8th graders sponsored by the band boosters.

Hope to see you there.

S.A.D.D. SPONSORS DANCE

The S.A.D.D. dance was ok in my opinion except at first they played Metallica stuff that hardly anyone likes. Most of us don't get why they didn't have a concession .

When they started to play good music it was kinda fun, dancing and talking with friends like usual.

That's all from me. If you have other comments about it , write the Good Times c/o of Mrs. Swanson's mailbox in the office.

by holly streich

WRESTLERS BEGIN SEASON IN FEBRUARY...

The middle school wrestlers have a busy month of meets. Coached by Tom Osbon, the following students are out for wrestling: Chris Cannon, Abram Beyer, Justin Buck, Dan Shreve, Robert Long, Nate McKenzie, Casey McKenzie, David Sparks, Frank Owsiany, and Jimmy Osbun

KLASSE ... auf deutsch lst hour

Members of the German class are Gary Arrans, Lee Barkovich, Kelly Baskin, Ryan Begnoche, Marcus Boucher, Shirley Coulson, Dana Gronau, Mike Haught, Ron Humphrey, Tiffany Knauss, Mike Lounsbury, Michaelscott Mason, Nate McKenzie, Erin Merker, Bret Moss, Nikki O'Keefe, Mark Pardike, Terri Pierce, Jessica Ross, Noell Russell, Carmen Selent, Jamie Sirrine, Matt Smith, and Steve Wolownik.

In October we got penpals from Breitenberg, Bavaria, Germany. We write to each other once a month. They help us learn German and we help them learn English.

Tschuss ! (So long)

by N. O'Keefe

GROUND HOG SAYS SPRING SOON... (NO shadow for the little guy)

What is Ground Hog day? The tv reporters said it was an old German custom. The encyclopedia says it's a rural American tradition. If he cannot see his shadow he remains above ground and doesn't hibernate any more, suggesting that spring is on its way. If he does see it, he scoots back into his hole and hibernates another six weeks.

Aren't you glad to know?

cb/ps etc.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM : WORKING HARD TO COMPETE

The team will be working with the science teachers, Mr. Lutz, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Erickson for the olympiad regionals held in mid-MArch.

Members of the team include

Jon Ayres, Landry Boysen, Matt Campbell, Kerri Champion, Mike Haught, Melanie Lanter, Michaelscott Mason, Bret Moss, Matt Rife, Joy Shinabarger, Matt SMith, Brianne Travis, Chris Van Sickle, Catherine Walker and Nathan Krefman.

There are nine alternates from the seventh grade..

WHERE DID VALENTINE'S DAY COME FROM?

by o'keefe/marshall

Valentine's Day came from the saint Valentine who died on February 14. It's celebrated in honor of his love.

The custom of exchanging valentines on Feb. 14 can be traced to Geoffrey Chaucer. He mentioned that birds pair off on that day.

Valentine's Day is a special day for sending greeting cards to sweethearts, friends and family. Many are romantic while others have humorous pictures and sayings.

SPEAKING OUT..WHAT IS REALLY HOT / WHAT'S NOT

by .c. b

I have something to say to the people who wrote what's hot and what's not in the last issue of the Good Times. There are millions of people out there and I hate to break it to you but an awful lot of people think different from you. I know a ton of people who hate Nike and that's their opinion so please respect that next time you use everyone's "trends."

(Feel free to send opinions to Mrs. Swanson's mailbox. IF you want to be anonymous, you can be, but tell her who you are and that you don't want your name on it. Thanks.

TOP TEN VALENTINES

10. Donald Duck
9. Minnie Mouse
8. Bugs Bunny
7. Sesame Street
6. Barney
5. Garfield
4. Lion King
3. Mickey Mouse
2. Tweety Bird
1. Muppet Babies

(What? No Power Rangers or Animaniacs?)

cm/n.o.

LOSER JOKE OF THE MONTH

Knock knock
Who's there?
Interrupting cow...
Interrupt....MOO!

EGGO SURVEY RESULTS

We took a survey of 30 people on "What was their favorite Eggo waffle flavor?" These are the results.

1 cinnamon, 2 apple, 3 homestyle, 4 apple-cinnamon, 5 strawberry, 5 plain, and 7 blueberry. Also, we added ,"Do you like syrup on your Eggo?" The results are 15 yes, 9 no, and 7 , "depends."

by m.zerbi/ e, peacock.

FAVORITE MOVIES SURVEY...

Our all -time favorite this past year was Independence Day. The second most popular one was Romeo and Juliet. The next few that were mentioned a lot were 101 DAlmations, Beavis and You Know Who, Friday , The Rock and

Twister.

Others mentioned a few times each were Matilda, Phenomenon, Star Trek, Star Wars, Nutty PRofessor, Alaska, DragonHeart, and One Fine Day. Some of you guys are watching R movies...tsk tsk.

SO WHO REALLY ROCKS?

There is really NO DOUBT who the middle school favorite was. (Get it?) No? NO DOUBT got the most votes. Second was SPICE GIRLS, which surprised those who counted the votes since they hadn't heard of SPICE GIRLS.

BUSH and K. SWEET came in next followed by TUPAC, BOYS II MEN, OASIS and METALLICA.

SMASHING PUMPKINS, the BEATLES, BONE THUGS, CELINE DION, HOOTIE and THE BLOWFISH, MARILYN MANSON and JARS OF CLAY were also mentioned a few times.

DEAR OBI WAN KENOBI:

I'm having problems with R2D2.

Please help.

C3PO

YO, C3,

FIX him up for your bundle of love or check his batteries..if he doesn't have any working ones, give him his valentine gift.. Duracells.

DEAR OBI WAN,

I'm having a problem with my girlfriend. She's totally unrealistic.

Save us

DEAR SAVE,

Maybe you should take her to see STAR WARS!

DEAR OBI WAN,

My boy friend Ted has four other girl friends. What should I do? I think he likes Ashley B the best.

And hates me.

Dear whoever,

Doesn't sound like he's worht getting worked up about. Maybe you should get those nifty braids over your ears and see if Luke Skywalker is interested in you instead!

VALENTINE POEMS YOU COULD BORROW FOR YOUR SWEETIE

by m.b. fuhrmann, kel. nugteren, k. eldred

Valentines day is for feeling
warm and cuddly so please...
don't be a dudley send your
girl a card and she'll think
you're studley.

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Be nice to me
You ugly fool.

(or change the last two lines to
You're so cute
That's why I love you.)
or these last two..
You're so funny
You're a cuddly bunny.

Rose are red
Carnations are yellow
Be smart and
Don't lose your fellow.

CLIP AND SEND.... to your honey
WOULD YOU BE MINE,
COULD YOU BE MINE?

WON'T YOU BE MY VALENTINE?

ROUND THREE: HOT & NOT

HOT:	NOT
chain wallets	hair clips
silver	gold
Rancid	Greenday
plaid	term whatever
braces	tight jeans
M.C. Esher	make-up
D.O.C.S	halter tops
small hoop earrings	term"L-7 Weenie"

Disagree? Write and share it with us.... We love to hear from you.

I ONCE KNEW A BEAUTIFUL GIRL..

I once knew a beautiful girl
But she had to go.
The beautiful girl was 16
But she had to go.
She had to go
Though I loved her so
The beautiful girl had to go.

This Beautiful girl was so smart
It tore my heart apart.
This Beautiful girl was so pretty
She had to go. It's a pity.
This Beautiful girl
She now has wings
The Beautiful girl is gone.

I miss you so.

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ROSES ARE RED

Violets are blue
I like you Mike
Hope you like me too.
Shalana.

Roses are red
Violets are blue
I like you Terrie
Hope you like me too. Marcus.

CAT WOMAN by b. travis

Slip, creep, smirk.
I do as I please.
When I want to
How I want to
Where I want to.

I do what suits my soul.
I'm bad
I'm good
I'm as I can and should
A cat in human form.

I steal (truthfully)
I snarl (actually)
I fight (catfully)
I am. (Who I want to be.)

Watch your step
        I'm fleet of foot.
Watch your back.
        The trees just shook.

MID-TERMS...by b. mayuiers

Ahh
Don't mention the words
Everything is blank
What a test.
What a rush.
Now for a rest
Oh
My toothbrush.
Funny
I already see me
in the future.
Yet it seems
Like me now,
Crazy huh?
What a fiesta.
Mid-terms!!!?

JON'S COLUMN by j. smith

Hiyaa!!! Today's topic: STAR WARS Remakes.

I saw the new Star Wars down in Benton Harbor. I was lucky I got in. I liked it so much that I saw it again in Portage. Anyway, the movie was kind of the same and more different. I noticed the difference right from the beginning. Changes in the movie included an outside view of the X-Wing and new computer enhanced scenes. I will report back to you with The Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi which come out this month and March.

May the Force be With you!

ROSES (some more)

Roses are red
Violets are blue
I like sugar
But I love you (even more.)
to KC Cooper ... love, CM

ANONYMOUS

She is always nice
She helps and gives me advice
She is the one I love
She is the one I am dreaming of
She is the sign of perfection
She has my affection
She is second to none
She is Katie Anderson.
P.S. If she would forgive my weirdness, she'd see I'm full of kindness.

THERE WAS A MAN who entered a pun contest. He sent in ten different puns in the hope that at least one would win. But, no pun in ten did!

JOB HUNTING? TRY THIS TO FIND OUT YOUR TALENTS

by m.toliusis, d. anderer, s.gehl

What do you find yourself drinking in the morning to wake up?

1. coffee
2. root beer
3. raw egg

If you had five dollars, what would you buy?

1. lottery tickets
2. Pez dispenser
3. an 1856 bomb shelter

If you could be a roadie for a band whose would it be?

1. KISS
2. Barney on Ice
3. John Denver
4. Moon Dogs

What food do you find yourself eating the most?

1. Spam
2. Haggis
3. headcheese
4. small mammals

If you could be any animal, what would you be?

1. mosquito
2. tick
3. flea
4. leech

If you could meet any movie star...

1. Gene Simmons
2. Richard Simmons
3. Mr. T
4. Dave Johnson
5. Webster

IF you scored 5-12 =You're probably be a bum

13-15 = See a psychiatrist and check into a mental institution

15 and above...You are probably going to work in a sweatshop in Malaysia.

THE SKIER by m. haught

Perched upon the first mogul
He waits until the right moment.
Sliding off the first one
He centers himself for the rest.
Bouncing, bumping,
Jetting down the hill.
The big one is coming.
Slowing down by
Cutting deeper into the grooves.
Taking the jump with authority,
He launches himself into the air.
Concentration, concentration, slap.
The skis wallop onto the ground.
Balancing with poles,
Finishing his job.

TOP TEN FAVORITE WEB PAGES

by n. goodman

10. www. marsattacks.com./cmp/2-game/html/ With this page you can tip over flaming cows for hours on end... You need macromedia shockwave plugin to play.

9. www.dtd. com/bug/ Have hours of fun with perfect excuse generator. Talk to ratso the hamster or lop off limbs from zippy the zombie in the R.I.P. LETTER section.

8. www.honors.unr.edu/-chadt/puzzles/puzzles.html. These games you can't lose . The page is pointless but some puzzles are very funny.

7. http:/ bronte.cs.utas.edu.au/monkey/ A simulation of a virtual monkey

typing the quote "to be or not to be" from Shakespeare.

6. www.bigjam. com Come play splat a rat. It's gory but addicting. You get to choose between crosshairs, a mallet, a shotgun, or the hand of god. You need the macromedia shockwave plugin and you can pick it up on this page.

5. www. leland-stanford.edu./-jenkg/useless.html. The land of useless facts . What can I say? It's funny and there are links to 2 more lists at the top.

4. www.hillaryshair.com. Come check out the over 200 hair styles of Hillary Clinton in the past 4 years . There's even a 45 second movie on the styles she's had.

3. www. virtual-media. com/vm/presents/ouzo/99bottles. html. The annoying lyrics of 99 bottles of beer on the wall complete with pictures of every bottle.

2. http:// clevermedia. com/arcade. The biggest game site on the internet. Unfortunately it only works with a few web browsers and you need macromedia shockwave to play the games.

1. http://members. tripod. com/%7 Elinkola/starwars.html#swlinks. In this page you will find many links; a few pictures perfect for any diehard STAR WARS fan like myself.

FEBRUARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH

by l. boyce

Some very accomplished African Americans have invented things that are very useful. L.C. Bailey invented the folding bed in July of 1899. G.F. Grant invented the horseshoe in 1866.

R.B. Spikes invented transmissions in 1933. G.T. Woods invented many things such as an apparatus for a transmission, an electricity relay instrument, a polarized relay system and also an electronic rail feedway system, and a galvan ic battery .

To read more about famous African American inventors, read Black Inventors and Their Inventions by Jim Haskins.

LATER

In
The
Trail
Laid
Ernest (the cat)

Keeping
In
Time with
The
Even
Numbered
Sounds of his heart.

Incessantly
Nonstopping

Though
He
Engulfed himself with

Sleep he is still
Undoubtedly
Number one.

by j. shinabarger

WISHING MR.CASSELL A SPEEDY RECOVERY.. and INTERVIEWING HIM AS WELL...galbraith/barnes

Mr. Cassell's favorite book is Canoeing with the Cree. His favorite vacation was when they went canoeing in Canada.

Mr. Cassell has two children and two cats. Born in New Castle Indiana, he went to school in Greenfield, Indiana. He went to college at Western Michigan.

His favorite food is a prime rib sandwich at Big T. His favorite subject in school was history.

He likes teaching industrial arts but he would like it a lot more in the new middle school. (the remodeled high school.)

He has had a lot of other jobs. He was in the army, a private detective and he worked as an insurance agent.

P.S. We hope he's back and feeling better in several weeks!

DON'T YELL AT ME!

Don't yell at me!
Don't yell at me!
I hate it when you do.
It makes me feel so miserable
I want to run from you.
I simply cannot stand it
When you scream into my ear.
If I knew how to do it
I'd completely disappear.
Don't yell at me!
Don't yell at me!
I'll crawl away and hide.
I'll detonate to smithereens
Or shrivel up inside.
Feel free to thumb your nose at me
OR wiggle all your toes at me
Even ring a bell at me
But please please don't yell at me.

DREAMS by a. hudson

Sometimes when I am fast asleep
I see a picture show.
My parents say I've had a dream
And they seem to know.
They say that dreams must happen
Dreams are something they can't fix.
That it is my imagination
Playing little tricks.

My dreams are all in color
In every shade and hue
It's hard for me to understand
That they aren't true.
The things I see seem very real
Thought they're there, not real at all
Sometimes I dream I'm tiny
And other times I'm tall.

When I dreamed about a church
I thought I heard bells
When I was running with a soccer ball
I really thought I fell.
I've dreamed of people that I love
And dreamed of strange people too.
I've dreamed of happiness
I've dreamed of sadness too,

I've seen before my eyes
An angel with gold wings
I saw my fairy godmother
And my prom night.
But when I have a frightening dream
I find myself in tears
And I call to my mom or dad
To chase away my fears.

TWO DOGS THAT DISAPPEARED

by a. jones

There were once two dogs named Flash and Charlie who were very pesty and at your feet every minute. They messed in your yard, stepped in the flowers, shook their wet bodies and got you all wet and they tripped you when you tried to go for a walk. I hated those two dogs. IF you called their owners, they'd come get them and let them loose again. Or, they'd tell you to go ahead and hit them or throw things at them or shoot them.

One day when I was in my laboratory, I made up some kind of concoction. It was an experiment. IT was a bluish-black color and it was bubbly. It looked so gross that I almost barfed. I decided to get rid of it. I threw it in the woods.

The rest of the day was normal. I didn't see those dogs for two days. On the third day I did see two tiny black dogs... so tiny that I barely saw them. I couldn't figure out why they were so tiny.

By the sixth day, the dog owners were looking for Charlie and Flash. They asked me if I had seen them on the block. I told them I thought that I had seen two tiny dogs but they didn't believe those were Charlie and Flash.

I tried to think of places where they could be. I thought mayeb they were just lost or having fun. Maybe someone who didn't like dogs had shot them. Then I began to wonder, did I kill the dogs?

Because I thought I might have killed the dogs, I made a solution to the experiment and threw it into the woods. I waited five days but found no change.

On the sixth day I saw two tiny black objects that looked like dogs, just like I had seen before. I was glad so I called their owners. I told them what I had seen but they didn't believe me.

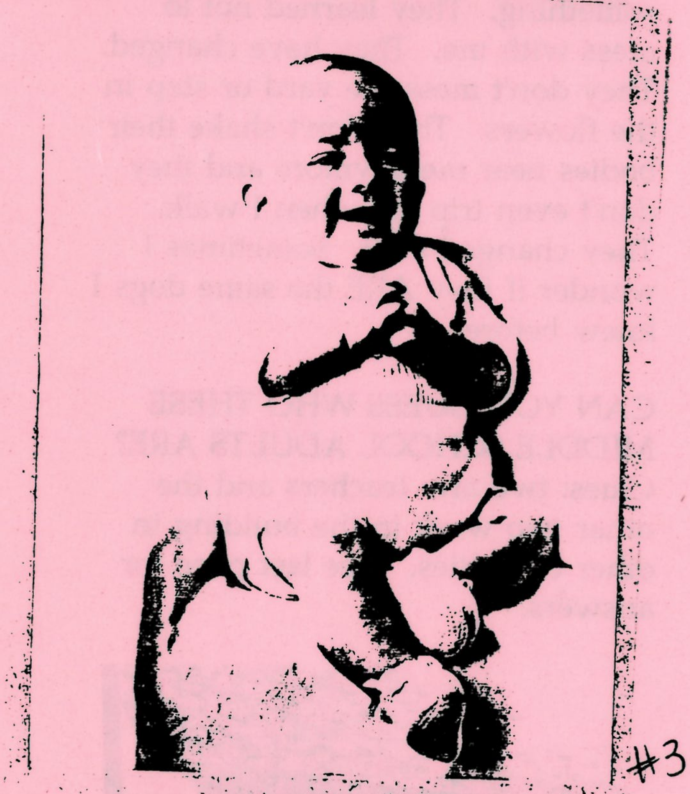
By the eighth day the dogs were back to normal size. They went home to their owner. I learned never to dispose of my concoctions where animals could get into contact with them. The dogs also learned something. They learned not to mess with me. They have changed. They don't mess the yard or step in the flowers. They don't shake their bodies near me anymore and they don't even trip me when I walk. They changed a lot. Sometimes I wonder if they ARE the same dogs I knew before.

CAN YOU GUESS WHO THESE MIDDLE SCHOOL ADULTS ARE?

Clues: two are teachers and the other two work in the building in other capacities. See last page for answers.

#1

#2



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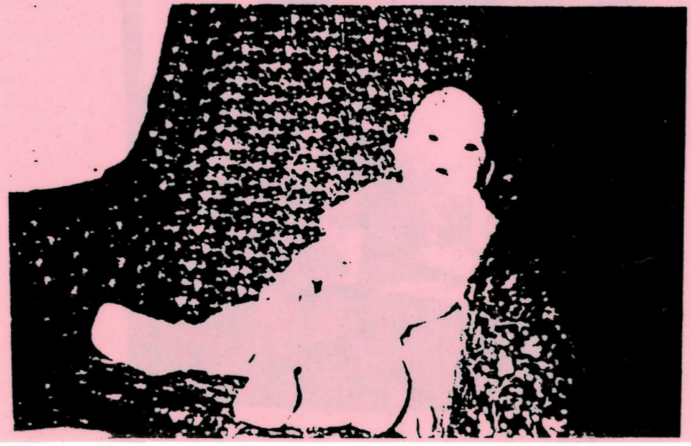

#4

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

by roberts, tapper, hover, beyer, & clare

The most embarrassing moment for Mr. Barnhouse was when he was a principal. He was going down the bleachers at a basketball game when four rows up he tripped and fell. When he reached the bottom, he made a loud "bang!" onto the gym floor.

The gym was silent. Then Mr. Barnhouse said the first thing that came to his head, "Smooth move." And he left the gym.

Have any embarrassing moments yourself? Send them to us c/o Mrs. Swanson's mailbox in the office so we can print them next issue.

WHAT'S THE BEST VALENTINE'S DAY YOU COULD HAVE?

We polled you to see what struck you as best. Here are some of the replies we got.

Tiffany Davis said, "A chocolate box." Jamie Ross said, "A boy friend gave me candy and all the good stuff." Erin Hamilton said, "If I could have all of my friends buy me candy and I would buy them a teddy bear and a rose. Then school would be half day that day and we would all go to my house and have party with candy , valentines, and movies.

Cherie MArshall would like it if " my boyfriend could come from Lansing to Paw Paw." Shawn Weaver would " go out with Pamela Anderson and take her to the movies."

Theresa Faugh would like it if " I got a dozen roses from a really fine guy." Jennifer Sargent would like it if " my boyfriends would give me a teddy bear and a kiss."

Emily Pasman said, " One day spent with all my friends , guys and girls. just to hang out together all day." Charlie Broomfield would like "to be with my whole family." Kristel Albertson said," Where I waok upand went to school , had a Valentine Party and came home and got lots of candy."

Ashley Alexander said, The Valentines Day I got to go to Kentucky with my family to see where my grandparents used to live." "Dinner with Manny Fernandez and a hockey game," Said Natalie ALden.

Jason Motter would like it if " Michelle Carter could finally say yes to me. That would be my best Valentine's Day." Melanie Lanter said, " Spend the day with my best pals and get a Valentine from a guy, a special guy."

Juan Seidel said, " Spending a heck of a candlelight dinner under the beautiful lights with my girlfriend at Chuckie Cheese." Jessica Krefman thinks " a rose from someone " would be best. Tim Mesick would be happy with "Cheetos". Shannon Ruhl would "go see my aunt whom I"ve never gotten to know."

Shawna Mount would like "a valentine from a secret admirer." Dana Gronau would think "having a boyfriends who gives me roses.!" would be best. Courtney Kuntz would like " to meet Troy Aikan on Valentine's Day." Chrystal Golland thinks the best one is " a Valentine's Day not having to do any work."

Joel Pyard and Justin Pillow both think " no valentine's day" would be the best. Hmmmm!

Rose are red
Violets are blue
I like you Steven
and hope you like me too.
forever yours, Peach.

I
love
you
love
Pigglet says "Happy Valentines Day"
By Casey Martin

#1. Mrs. Drake - (cook) #2. Mrs. Williams (library)
#3. Mr. Topp #4. Mrs Pasman